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Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that, **DANNY W. STARK**, age 58, of Millstadt, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court to 24 ½ years' (292 months) imprisonment, followed by 3 years' supervised release. On September 23, 2005, after a four week trial, a jury convicted Stark of 27 felony counts. Stark was found guilty of being a felon in possession of fourteen firearms, of conspiracy to sell stolen equipment across state lines, of money laundering, and of numerous instances of transporting to Kentucky farm tractors stolen in Illinois and Missouri.

In addition, to the sentence of imprisonment, the court ordered \$522,506.17 to be paid in restitution to the victims, forfeiture of \$263,200 and special assessment of \$2700.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, State Police, Monroe and Jefferson County Sheriff's Offices, State Police in Illinois, Edmondson and Warren County Sheriff's Offices and the National Insurance Crime Bureau in Kentucky, as well as law enforcement departments of other jurisdictions. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael J. Quinley and Kevin F. Burke.